(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that CT Scan machine is now being installed by the Hospital and Medical College Administration in private area; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from CCI

2553. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by MPs from Assam requesting the bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from the sick Cement Corporation of India (CCI);

(b) whether any decision has been taken on this memorandum; and

(c) whether Bokajan Unit of CCI will be bifurcated and whether a new public sector company will be floated to save the Bokajan unit?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The memorandum was considered.

(c) The Government of Assam has been requested to indicate their willingness to take over the Bokajan Cement Factory of Cement Corporation of India Limited.

Reconstruction of sick PSUs

2554. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has recently approved the reconstruction of sick public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount to be given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Reconstruction/revival of sick Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) is a continuous process. Enterprise specific measures are taken in this regard by the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments and the Management in consultation with various stakeholders including workers etc. Some of these measures include referring of sick industrial CPSUs to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), financial and business restructuring including hiving off/closure of unviable units, infusion of fresh funds, mobilization of additional resources through Government guarantee and sale of surplus lands and other assets, rationalization of manpower through VRS, improved marketing strategies, cost control measures etc.

As per available information, recently BIFR has sanctioned rehabilitation schemes in respect of 8 subsidiaries of NTC Limited to revive viable units and close the unviable ones after giving VRS to affected employees. The likely cost of revival package of NTC approved by the Government/BIFR is Rs. 3900 crores (approx.). Of this, Rs. 625 crores is provided as wage support by Government for 2 year period and rest through sale of surplus lands and other assets.

Displaying of obscene pictures

†2555. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of any effective law, obscene pictures are being displayed in newspapers, magazines and T.V. Channels which are vitiating Indian culture, civilization and tradition and Government are unable to keep a check on the same;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.